

# Memorandum

To: DISTRICT DIVISION CHIEFS  
Traffic Operations

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From: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Traffic Operations  
Mail Station 36

Subject: Signing for Speed Limits

Because of the recent changes in the laws pertaining to speed limits, the potential for a greater number of individual speed zones has increased. In an endeavor to decrease the complexity of signing for these speed zones, better manage our limited resources, and continue to give a clear concise message to the motorist, Traffic Operations has made some changes in the speed zone signing.

The "MAXIMUM SPEED \_\_\_\_" sign (R6) is being eliminated. For enforcement purposes, the "SPEED LIMIT \_\_\_\_" sign (R2) will perform as well and eliminate some confusion.

The "REDUCED SPEED AHEAD" sign (R2-5) is being eliminated primarily because it gives no real message to the motorist. In its place the "\_\_\_\_ ZONE AHEAD" sign (R2-4) will be used because it actually has a message and will also help eliminate some confusion.

In eliminating these two signs, we have reduced the sign inventory both on the highway and in the warehouse. We have also, hopefully, eliminated some confusion that existed as to where and when each of the former signs should be used.

Existing R6 and R2-5 signs that are in place legitimately may remain in place until maintenance is required. They then should be replaced with the appropriate R2 or R2-4 sign as the case may be.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Ryan at (916) 654-5669 or Calnet 464-5669.

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